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W. J. ROGOVENKO

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Section 2, Special Branch
REPORT

Date. October 16, 1936.

Subject. Allegations made by one W. LOCH regarding Probationary Sergeant W. J. ROGOVENKO during visit to Deputy Commissioner (Divisions).

Made by D.S. Pitts

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Following the conducting of very discreet enquiries, I have to report that there appears to be no truth at all in the assertions of W. ^XLOCH alias HANSEN regarding Probationary Sergeant W. J. Rogovenko's becoming a Soviet citizen and his contemplated journey to Russia.

Waldemar or Vladimir Loch, who is a German of Russian extraction, was born at Tomsk on May 23, 1910. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College in Shanghai and was a fellow student of Rogovenko. In 1931-2 Loch was a member of the Light Battery, S.V.C., during which time Rogovenko was also a volunteer in the same company.

In the latter part of 1931 whilst Loch was cleaning his service revolver, he inadvertently fired a bullet that had not been ejected from the ^{chamber}breach, with the result that the shot passed through his skull, necessitating an operation, during which a part of his brain was removed. Since that time, there have been occasions on which Loch is said to be no means in full possession of his faculties, and often mentally unbalanced. Indeed, it is the concensus of opinion of people who know Loch, that he is not at all times responsible for his actions.

In spite of this, however, Loch is looked upon as a thorough rascal and waster. He was fined \$50 on June 20, 1933 at the Shanghai Special District Court, having been charged with assault (Ref.: Hongkew 1417/33), whilst at the same court on March 5, 1934 he was sentenced to ten days' detention in connection with a breach of Traffic Regulations (Ref.: Sinza).

He has been well cared for by his father, J. Loch, of 41 Rue du Consulat, a man who is favourably regarded by the

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German community here, but has returned these kindnesses by borrowing sums of money ranging from \$10 to \$75 from at least fifty clients of his father, who is connected with the importing of hospital and medical supplies. In almost every instance, the son stated "my father will square it all up." In other cases the son has attempted, and succeeded in some instances, in collecting debts owing to his father, but he has invariably pocketed the proceeds himself. W. Loch has had several good jobs, but will not or cannot hold them down, and has now become so lazy that he flatly refuses to work. In view of this state of affairs, Mr. Loch Senior told the son to leave his home about two months ago, and fend for himself. A short time after the father addressed a letter to the French Police asking whether any assistance could be given in an effort to make the son mend his ways. (French Police - 10607).

In August of this year, Loch under the alias of HANSEN, attempted to extort \$50 from MM. Rondon & Cie., 9 Avenue Edward VII. The manager of this company, however, was too smart for Loch and informed the French Police, requesting the latter to have Loch arrested and tried according to law. Later, in order to prevent publicity and, it is believed, not to damage the business interests of Mr. J. Loch, MM. Rondon & Cie dropped the case. (French Police - 10607).

Loch's present whereabouts are unknown, but the address he gave the Deputy Commissioner (Divisions) (41 Rue du Consulat) is false.

Enquiries regarding the recent movements and activities of Rogovenko show that he has been conducting himself in his usual quiet, reserved manner, spending his non-duty hours in

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pursuits which do not in any way appear to be connected with a contemplated flight from Shanghai to the Soviet. His political beliefs leave no doubt that he is not in sympathy with Soviet principles and ideals, but a general unobstrusive observation will be maintained over him for a short period in order to learn a little more of his movements, so that Loch's story may be either confirmed or definitely denied.

Attached herewith are translations of a letter addressed to the French Police by Mr. J. Loch and the subsequent report of the action taken by that body.

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J. LOCH

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES, PHYSICAL AND
LABORATORY APPARATUS.

Shanghai, 1.8.36.

Chief of French Police,
French Concession,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of soliciting your assistance
in the following case:

Vladimir Hoch, aged 26, my son by my first marriage, has caused a great deal of trouble during recent years. He is lazy, a liar and never remains more than a few weeks with any employer, who dismiss him on account of his bad habits. I have ejected him from my own home a hundred times, but he always returns after doing something idiotic, such as borrowing under false pretences sums of money from my clients, etc.

He has already cost me a fortune and I don't know what to do. I wanted to place an announcement in the Press, but the newspapers will not accept such an announcement without permission of the Court or the Police.

I am informed that Vladimir Loch is residing at 56 Route 'allon at present. I want to get rid of him and I ask you to let me know what can be done in this matter should you be able to afford me assistance.

Yours, etc.

J. LOCH.

C O P Y.

French Police report dated August 4, 1936 (10607)

During the afternoon of August 4, 1936 Mr. J. LOCH, German, came to the office and confirmed the contents of the attached letter addressed to the Chief of Police. He does not wish to see his son and only wishes the Police to make a record of certain sums of money borrowed by the latter from certain of the father's clients.

The son Vladimir is at present residing at 56 Route Vallon. He attended our office at our request and was informed of the complaint that his father had made. He maintained that he had been "kicked out" of home by his father without reason. He stated that he was unemployed and borrowed the money from friends but not from his father's clients. He was made to understand that should any official complaints be forthcoming he would be placed under arrest and be sent before the competent court to undergo trial.

The father was informed of our efforts and he was satisfied.

Signed: S^g Chef de la Sûreté.